

REMARKS

Presently claims 8-27 are pending in this application. Claims 8, 9, 18, and 19 are amended with this response.

Objections

The Examiner objects to claim 18 because it is missing a colon at the end of line 1. In response, Applicant has respectfully amended claim 18 to include a colon at the end of line 1.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(e)

Claim 8-12, 14-25, and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,344,623 to Yakamazi ("Yakamazi" hereinafter). Applicant respectfully traverses.

Applicant's amended claims 8 and 18 recite *inter alia*,

"wherein said electrode arranged on said first carrier foil is printed onto said layer of dielectric material."

Yakamazi does not teach printing of an electrode on a layer of dielectric material of a carrier foil. Instead, Yakamazi teaches electrodes (copper foils 2) to be *laminated* onto a base material 3 via an adhesive 4 (see column 3, line 63 through column 4, line 12). As such, Yakamazi does not teach every element of Applicant's amended claim 8.

Accordingly, for at least the reasons set forth herein above, Applicant respectfully submits that Yakamazi does not anticipate Applicant's claims 8 and 18, or claims 9-12, 14-17, 19-25 and 27 that depend variously therefrom.

Applicant notes that support for the amendments to claims 8 and 18, as well as 9 and 19, can be found at paragraphs 0012, 0029, 0008, and 0009 of Applicant's Specification.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 13 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Yakamazi in view of United States Patent No. 6,634,090 to Koyama ("Koyama" hereinafter). Applicant respectfully traverses.

Claims 13 and 26 depend from claims 8 and 18 respectively. As such, for at least the reasons set forth in the 102 remarks, Yakamazi does not teach every element of Applicant's claims 13 and 26. Koyama also does not teach printing of an electrode on a layer of dielectric material of a carrier foil. Instead, Koyama teaches dome shaped contacts 15 that are fixed to a contact unit via adhesive tape 16 (see column 3, lines 26-33). As such, Applicant respectfully submits that Koyama does not remedy the deficiencies of Yakamazi, and thus, the proposed combination of Yakamazi and Koyama does not teach every element of Applicant's claims 13 and 26. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 13 and 26 are not obvious over the proposed combination of Yakamazi and Koyama.

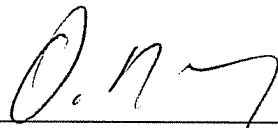
The prior art rejections herein overcome. Entry of the present Response with Amendment and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time for consideration of this Response.

Please charge any fees due with respect to this Response, or otherwise regarding the application, to Deposit Account 06-1130 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

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